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PINE BLUFF

Has a Competitor in Jonesboro for the Lamb & Company's Plant.

The Jonesboro Sun has the following relative to Lamb & Company and the manufacturing plant they propose establishing in Arkansas:

"A. L. Funk, of Chicago, representing Lamb & Co., of Freeport, Ill., manufacturers of windmills, pumps, feed grinding mills, corn and cotton planters, was here last Thursday and looked over the city with a perspective view to locating this plant in Jonesboro. By direction of the president of the Business Men's League Mr. Funk was shown over the city Thursday afternoon, and in the evening laid his plans before a meeting of that organization for consideration until his return from other points south. Mr. Funk stated to a Sun man that as a result of his trip south there would be several large northern manufacturing plants to come to the land of fig and pomgranate if suitable locations could be secured, as he is authorized to keep a lookout for localities. The rule of northern capital is turned this way, and the next few years will witness great changes to the south's advantage in the seat of the manufacturing center. Arkansas will be largely favored by this change, and it behooves Jonesboro to keep a line out. Just such a factory as Mr. Funk proposes moving here will prove of lasting benefit. Let us, by all means, secure it, and others."

GOVERNOR OF TWO STATES.

Hon. Preston B. Leslie, of Helena, Mont., enjoys the unique distinction of having been Governor of two States. He was Speaker of the Kentucky Senate in 1867, and succeeded to the office of Lieut. Governor and Governor in that year on account of vacancies occurring. After serving out his terms as Governor he was elected to a second term, which he filled for four years. In 1896 he was appointed Governor of Montana by President Cleveland and served two years in the office. He is now 80 years old.

SEED SCARCE.

Replanting Necessary in Sections of River and Bayou Country.

Mr. L. Roth informed us today that he had received quite a number of letters from different sections of the river and bayou country, stating that cut worms were playing sad havoc with the crops. One letter was from Humphrey, and stated that some planters in that section would have to replant, in consequence of the pesky insects' ravages. This information was supplemented by the statement that cotton seed was at a high premium there, and that in some instances it was impossible to procure seed at all. In that case seed will have to be shipped there from Pine Bluff. With the worms and the almost incessant rains, the young crops are indeed fretted with a most damaging insect, and one that is being sorely felt by the planters throughout the country.

A PURE GRAPE CREAM OF TARTAR POWDER

DR. PRICE'S
CREAM
BAKING
POWDER

Awarded
Highest Honors, World's Fair
Gold Medal, Midwinter Fair

THE COMMISSION.

MEMBERS ACTIVELY AT WORK—ON PENITENTIARY GROUNDS.

PUSH IS THE WATCHWORD.

Convicts Will Soon be Getting out Granite for the Structure.

The Gazette, of today, says: "The state capitol commission has gone actively to work and in a short time, according to present indications, the convicts will be getting out granite and Col. "Bud" McConnell will be moving his headquarters from the present penitentiary site to some point outside the city yet to be selected. "Push" is evidently the watchword with the commissioners. Yesterday morning they went in a body out to the penitentiary site and made a close inspection of the grounds upon which the new capitol is to be erected. Col. McConnell had a special dinner prepared for the visitors.

"The commission is at present wrestling with the question of plans for the new building. In so important a matter they are making haste slowly. Another meeting will be held today and further consideration will be given the subject. Two well known architects are in the city to confer with the commission relative to plans. They are Mr. Frank P. Milburn, of Charlotte, N. C., and Mr. H. W. Mann, of Sedalia, Mo.

As to when then the convicts will be put to work getting out granite is not yet settled, but that will be one of the questions disposed of by the commission. Possibly a draft will have to be made on the quota of convicts being worked on the Choctaw railroad under contract with Mr. W. L. Reaves and others. There are between 200 and 300 of them and under the terms of the contract the state can secure the whole or any part of them upon giving due notice to the contractors. About 100 convicts will be put to work on the granite.

"Col. McConnell is very complacent over the matter of a new site for the penitentiary. It is said no trouble will be encountered when it comes to securing new pen grounds, even if the State has to avail itself of the provisions of the act of 1897 which provides for the purchase of a State convict farm and the payment therefor out of the profits accruing to the State from the crops. As the State has made big money for others on the share crop system, it is argued that it can certainly make enough to pay for a farm of its own out of the crops raised by convict labor.

"The commission seems to be a progressive and liberal body. In the adoption of plans it will undoubtedly act in a spirit commensurate with the growing greatness of the State, and adopt only such plans as will insure a creditable new State house."

DROPPED DEAD

Was on Her Way to Church Last Evening.

An old and well-known colored woman, who cooked for Mrs. E. B. Houston, after finishing her evening's work, and apparently as well as ever, left for church yesterday evening. Shortly thereafter she was carried back to Mrs. Houston's by some colored people, in an insensible state, as they thought. After leaving home, she fell in company with a number of other darkies who were also going to church, and when they were well on the way, this old woman suddenly dropped to the sidewalk. Her companions had her conveyed home, and medical assistance was summoned. When it was ascertained that life was extinct, she having died of heart disease.

SAD DEATH.

Little Miss Thomas Was Attending School Here.

Little Miss Ara Thomas has for some time been attending school in this city, and was a bright, sweet little girl. Her home was near Old Center, in the southern part of Cleveland county, and she was boarding with her brother, Mr. Red Thomas, in this city. Nineteen days ago yesterday she was stricken ill with pneumonia, and although everything was done that could be done by earnest hands and watchful eyes of loving ones and friends, no relief could be brought to the little sufferer, and yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock she breathed her last.

Little Ara was eleven years old, and was a great favorite with all of her schoolmates and acquaintances in this city.

The remains were carried to Cleveland county today, and will be interred in the family burying ground.

MILLIONS AND FAMINE.

While Russia is spending many millions on military equipment, and as much or more on her big railway through Siberia, gaunt famine stalks through a large part of the Czar's kingdom, and the government is doing little or nothing to keep the people from starving.

COMING AGAIN

Mr. A. Blum Has Removed and Enlarged His Stock.

It is with considerable pleasure the many friends of Mr. A. Blum note the progress he is making toward re-instituting himself in a commercial way. For many years Mr. Blum was a very successful mercantile man of this city, but financial distress came at a time when he could not withstand its pressure, and he was carried to the wall last fall. But he finally adjusted matters, opened with a small stock of goods on Main street, between Third and Fourth, and has since done fairly well. He has now moved his stock into more comfortable and commodious quarters on Main street, next door to Kastor & Bluthenthal's. He has greatly increased his stock of goods, fitted up his house in a most attractive manner, and is now entering the contest for a business with fair prospects of his efforts being rewarded in a way that will soon place him upon the successful plane he so long enjoyed.

The Graphic has nothing but the best of wishes for Mr. Blum.

A PRINTER'S LUCK.

An unknown man was recently found dead on the outskirts of a small town in Kansas with a revolver and \$100 in money on his person. The coroner held an inquest, and it took \$75 to pay the expenses and bury the body. The police judge fined the corpse \$25 for carrying concealed weapons and confiscated the revolver. The newspaper man who published the obituary got nothing.—Ex.

A Man Who Is Tired

all the time, owing to impoverished blood, should take Hood's Sarsaparilla to purify and enrich his blood and give him vitality and vigor.

A good spring medicine is a necessity with almost everyone. Hood's Sarsaparilla is what the millions take in the spring. Its great power to purify and enrich the blood and build up health is one of the facts of common experience.

We call the attention of our readers to the change of advertisement of Mr. A. Friedman. Mr. Friedman has a number of bargains to offer in the way of unredeemed watches, diamonds, rings, etc.

BIG CLOUDBURST

GREAT DAMAGE REPORTED TO PROPERTY IN CONSEQUENCE.

ANOTHER RISE FEARED.

All Eyes, So to Speak, Turned Toward Head-waters of Arkansas.

Report reached here about noon today that a big cloudburst had occurred sometime during the morning near the head-waters of the Arkansas. This cloudburst as reported here, did great damage to property in that section, and with previous rains furnished water for another rise in the Arkansas river.

DEAD, YET ALIVE.

A woman in California is very much alive, but in Pennsylvania, her old home, she has been declared legally dead. She disappeared in 1888 and nothing was heard of her till lately. In 1897 her son administered on her estate and the court declared her legally dead. It now transpires that she is both dead and alive.

TIME WASTED.

An old Arkansas planter, on being told that monkeys were being trained to pick cotton, replied: "There ain't no use of gettin' them monkeys and trainin' 'em ter pick cotton, fer as soon as we get 'em trained the durned Yankees will come down here and free 'em, and before long they'll vote jes like the niggers."

RIVER FALLING.

The Arkansas river at this point is falling slowly at present. The water has gone down barely enough to be discernable, and it is feared that recent rains above will check this fall and cause another rise.

PINE BLUFF'S BIG BOOM.

Pine Bluff is to have a boom, no doubt of it. Several mills, factories and other industries are about to locate in our city; others will follow. The present indications are that within a year a number of these will be in operation. This means new positions open for those who are ready for them. Enter Nettleton's Commercial College at once and prepare to take advantage of the splendid openings that certainly await wide-awake young men and women.

Mr. T. W. Rawles, of Little Rock, was in the city today, on business.

PINE BLUFF

Will Play Little Rock—An Interesting Game Anticipated.

Preparations are now in progress for a match game of ball between the Pine Bluff Athletic Club and the Little Rock team, to occur on the 6th and 7th of next month. Great anticipations are being nursed by these two teams, and should arrangements be perfected and this contest take place, no doubt but it will prove a most interesting and attractive occasion. A game of ball never fails to excite considerable interest, and when the contesting factions are such as those of the Pine Bluff Athletic Club and the Little Rock base ball team, the public may feel assured of an entertainment worthy its attention.

A GALA EVE.

Prof. Weissner and His Pupils at Bluff City Hall.

Last evening was indeed a gala one at the Bluff City Club Hall. The occasion was one of the carnival of dances given by Prof. J. Christopher Weissner to his pupils, and is said to have eclipsed by far anything of like nature recently enjoyed in Pine Bluff.

Prof. Weissner is just closing a very successful season in Pine Bluff. This, it is said, will be his last season here, for a while at least. During the past season Prof. Weissner has conducted large classes in the art of dancing, and such progress have these classes made, and so successfully has the master interwoven his interest with that of his pupils and patrons that it is with much regret he cannot be prevailed upon to remain another season in our midst. Prof. Weissner is noted for being a teacher second to none in his line but this fact does not form the greatest of his attraction; she is a whole-souled, social and all-round gentleman, and those who know him best are his warmest friends. When he leaves Pine Bluff he will carry with him the interest and solicitation of many a well-wisher.

On last evening a very extensive and varied program was gone through, and no one present, participant or looker-on, but are ready to sing praises of the occasion.

At the close of the entertainment the pupils evidenced their high regard for their instructor by presenting him with a handsome diamond as a souvenir of their esteem.

DECLINED TO SERVE.

Rev. A. S. Pettie, who conducted a revival meeting at the Baptist church in this city some weeks ago, and who at his solicitation was afterward appointed city marshal of Jonesboro, declined, it is said, after receiving the appointment, to serve in that capacity. Is Jonesboro so tough as that?

COSTLY LAND.

Bank of England Site Eclipsed in Value by New York Dirt.

The land on which the Bank of England stands has been regarded as the most valuable piece of ground on the planet, but a real-estate transaction in New York probably represents the highest price ever actually paid. The C. P. Huntington and Waldorf-Astor properties on Fifth Avenue adjoin each other. To "piece out" his own lot, Mr. Huntington bought of his neighbor a strip ten by one hundred and twenty-five feet, paying therefor fifty-four thousand dollars, or four hundred and three dollars per square foot, being at the rate of over thirteen million five hundred thousand per acre. A smaller plat, of three hundred and fifty square feet, at the corner of Broad and Wall Streets, has also been sold for three hundred and twenty-three dollars per foot, or at the rate of nearly eleven million dollars per acre.

There was a man in our town,
Who thought that he was wise;
To save expense, he had no 'phone,
And ceased to advertise.
But when he found his trade all gone
With all his might and main,
He straightway had a 'phone put in
And advertised again.
Now all day long, he's on the run,
His 'phone rings day and night;
Just hear him shout: "hurrah, hurrah,
I'm strictly in the fight."

Southwestern

Telegraph and Telephone Co.